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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Marc HERRMANN et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: 09/735,919

Examiner:

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR **DEPLOYING A DISTRIBUTED**

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McLean, Virginia April 9, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington DC 20231

Sir:

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Please amend the subject application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

BI --CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION--

insert the following new paragraph at the left-hand margin:

-- The subject matter of this invention is related to application Serial No.

09/736,304, corresponding to French Application 99/15894 (BULL 3866 - T2153-

906758) filed concurrently herewith in the named Mark Herrmann and Xiabo Li and